



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Group Art Unit - 2132
Examiner - Kambiz Zand

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In re : Application of Paul S. Gernscheid,
et. al.
Title: Method and Apparatus for a Web
Application Server to Automatically
Solicit a New Password when an
Existing Password has Expired.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance implies that the claimed invention was allowed because the prior art did not disclose specific elements. The elements characterized by the Examiner, however, even if found in the prior art, would not render the claimed invention invalid under 35 USC §102 because the claimed invention includes a number of limitations not addressed in the Reasons for Allowance. With respect to 35 USC §103, the requirements of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness including (1) a showing that the prior art teaches the entire claimed invention where all limitations are to be considered, and (2) that combining various prior art references is (a) suggested in the art and (b) there would be motivation to make the combination, with a likelihood of success, have not been satisfied.

Unless otherwise advised, these comments are intended, to be clarifying in a manner consistent with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

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